

# ESF-10

## FIRE

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**PRIMARY AGENCIES:**            **Springfield Fire Department**                            **Rural Fire Departments**

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:**        **Emergency Communications Center (ECC)**  
   **Missouri Department of Conservation**

### I.        **PURPOSE**

By the very nature of their duties, the local fire departments protect lives and property on a daily basis. However, in a disaster situation of sufficient magnitude, normal day-to-day procedures, personnel, or equipment could prove inadequate to provide this protection.

The purpose of this ESF is to organize local firefighting resources and establish procedures that will enable these resources to meet the demands of a disaster situation. Also discussed will be the additional duties of search and rescue, hazardous materials incidents and counter-terrorism response.

### II.       **SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS**

#### A.       **Situation**

1.        Greene County is subject to many hazards that could present difficulties with regard to fire protection (**see Hazard Mitigation Plan**).
2.        There are fourteen fire departments in Greene County:

Battlefield	Ash Grove
Bois D'Arc	Brookline
Ebenezer	Fair Grove
Logan/Rogersville	Republic
Pleasant View	Springfield
West Republic	Strafford
Walnut Grove	Willard
- a.        Most fire departments are dispatched through the Springfield/Greene County Emergency Communications Center, with the exception of Republic, which has it's own dispatch center.
- b.        The Springfield/Branson Regional Airport has its own Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) unit that is responsible for emergency aircraft-related operations on the airport property. Structural fires on airport property are the responsibility of the Springfield Fire Department.
- c.        The Missouri Department of Conservation's fire strike teams in Springfield are available to assist the local fire departments on large natural cover or wild land fires.
3.        Situations could arise that would hinder fire fighting capabilities or overwhelm local resources.
4.        Outside assistance (Federal, State, or other local governments) is available should the need arise.

5. Several of the fire departments in the County have specialized rescue capabilities.
6. The Springfield Fire Department provides search and rescue, hazardous material (HAZMAT) operations, bomb disposal operations, and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) response for the City of Springfield. The Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District also has a full HAZMAT and WMD response team.
7. The fire services provide support to other fire agencies through mutual aid agreements.

**B. Assumptions**

1. Existing fire personnel and equipment should be adequate to deal with most emergency situations through existing agreements and the statewide mutual aid system established through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.
2. Trained personnel and specialized equipment are available to meet HAZMAT and WMD incident that could occur.
3. Other City/County departments or agencies will respond to provide support as detailed in this plan.
4. State and federal agencies will respond when necessary.
5. All departments in the County will maintain the equipment and level of training necessary to perform the fire protection functions.
6. If evacuation is necessary, personnel may be available to assist in the movement while at the same time providing fire protection.

**III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

**A. General**

1. The primary tasks of the fire services are the same as their day-to-day mission -- protection of persons and property from the threat of fire.
2. Other important tasks of the fire services will be:
  - a. Dealing with hazardous materials, bomb threat and weapons of mass destruction incidents.
  - b. Search and rescue operations.
  - c. Emergency medical first response.
3. In all cases, the fire services will follow the Emergency Classification and Control Procedures as outlined in **(ESF-1, Appendix 2)**.
4. The fire services will provide support as requested by other agencies as long as it does not affect their fire protection capability.
5. Mutual aid will be utilized to insure the best possible protection for all residents of the City/County.

## **B. Actions to be Taken by Operating Time Frames**

### **1. Mitigation**

- a. Review possible hazards to identify all emergency operations in which the fire service would play a major role.
- b. Following the review, determine if any specialized equipment or training are required to meet potential threats.
- c. Develop fire safety programs to include disaster situations and present them to the public.
- d. Locate facilities that store or use hazardous materials, identify the materials and the problems each could cause. Maintain a map and list of these facilities (**ESF-12**).
- e. Identify facilities that could create special problems such as hospitals, nursing homes, and schools.
- f. Participate in tests, exercises, and drills to include those in support of other agencies.
- g. Establish liaison with private area resources that could be useful for fire prevention or suppression.
- h. Maintain Hazardous Materials/WMD SOPs/SOGs to meet projected needs.
- i. Review and update this ESF and SOPs/SOGs at least annually.

### **2. Preparedness**

- a. Alert key personnel as per procedures set up in departmental call-up lists.
- b. Determine status of equipment.
- c. Analyze the type of emergency with regard to potential fire problem. Report to the EOC (if activated) any damage assessments.
- d. If fire service personnel and equipment are in a potential hazard area, take steps to provide protection.
- e. Assist other departments in increased readiness activities as much as possible.
- f. Review plans and procedures (SOPs/SOGs) for potential threats, (**Hazard Mitigation Plan**).
- g. Check status of supplies (fuel, water, first aid supplies, equipment, etc.).
- h. Maintain increased readiness status until the situation escalates or the stand-down is given.
- i. Assist in warning the public as required.

### **3. Response**

- a. Respond as required on a priority basis.
- b. Conduct search and rescue operations.
- c. Activate local mutual aid and State Mutual Aid, as needed.
- d. Report damages observed to include potential problem areas.
- e. Coordinate activities with other agencies.
- f. Coordinate fire service response of departments responding from outside the jurisdiction.
- g. Alert or activate off-duty and auxiliary personnel as required by the emergency.
- h. If hazardous materials are involved, initiate hazardous materials plans, to include possible:
  - (1) Evacuation
  - (2) Perimeter control
  - (3) Cleanup
  - (4) Notification

- i. Maintain emergency response status until the situation is under control or ordered to stand-down by the EOC.
- j. Assist in making an estimate of the total population exposed to the disaster.
- k. Conduct fire protection measures in mass care shelters.

**4. Recovery**

- a. Participate in cleanup and Damage Assessment (**ESF-6**) support.
- b. Inspect damaged areas to insure fire safety.
- c. Develop after-action reports to include:
  - (1) Actions taken
  - (2) Materials expended
  - (3) Personnel costs
  - (4) Assistance received from and given to other agencies
  - (5) Problem areas to include corrective measures
- d. Review plans and procedures with key personnel and make revisions and changes.
- e. Report on all activities to Direction and Control (**ESF-1**).
- f. Replenish supplies and repair damaged equipment.
- g. During an evacuation situation, provide assistance as required to insure the safe and speedy return of the evacuees.

**IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. Primary Agencies:**

**Springfield Fire Department, Springfield/Branson Regional Airport AARF, Greene County Fire Departments**

- 1. Overall responsibility for fire protection lies with local government or fire protection districts.
- 2. Overall responsibility of coordination lies with the senior fire officer at the scene of the disaster within the local jurisdiction affected. If more than one locality or jurisdiction is affected, coordination is normally handled by the respective departments or agencies' representatives in the EOC.
- 3. Maintain records of the cost of supplies, resources and man-hours needed to respond to the disaster event.

**B. Support Agencies:**

**Springfield/Greene County Emergency Communications Center**

- 1. Provide emergency call-taking and dispatch services.
- 2. Track personnel and assets as needed.

**Mutual Aid Fire Departments:**

Support fire and rescue operations as dictated by the situation.

**C. State Primary Agency**

**State Fire Marshall**

The State Mutual Aid Agreement can be activated by calling the State Fire Marshall's office.

**D. Federal Primary Agency**

**Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**

Provide detection and suppression of woodland fires, rural and urban fires resulting from, or occurring coincidentally with a major disaster or emergency requiring Federal response assistance.

**V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

- A. The chief of each fire department will be responsible for controlling fire operations within the defined boundaries of their jurisdiction.

Incidents involving aircraft at the Springfield/Branson Regional Airport property will be under the direction of the Director of Aviation. Structural fires at the airport will still be the responsibility of the Springfield Fire Department.

- B. Operations will be controlled by the senior fire officer at the scene and/or from the EOC.
- C. Routine operations will be handled by normal SOPs/SOGs.
- D. Outside resources brought into a jurisdiction will be controlled by the procedures outlined in State law, fire mutual aid, and mutual aid agreements.

**VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT**

Lines of succession for each department are contained in departmental SOPs/SOGs.

**VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

**A. Administration**

1. Procedures for dealing with expenses incurred and liability for actions and injuries are outlined in mutual aid agreements, State laws, and local ordinances.
2. Reports and records will be developed and maintained in accordance with established procedures.

**B. Logistics**

1. Stockpiles of essential materials and supplies and resource lists must be checked and updated at least two times a year.
2. In a classified emergency, normal procurement procedures can be waived in accordance with local statutes and ordinances.

**VIII. ESF DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

- A. The Office of Emergency Management will be responsible for instituting a review of this ESF and updating it on a yearly basis. Each department should update their SOPs/SOGs concurrently.
- B. This ESF will be tested periodically with the resulting revisions and changes being made and distributed immediately.
- C. Each fire department chief should review and update (1) mutual aid agreements, and (2) resource and inventory lists on a yearly basis.